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SUBJECT: NATO SECRETARY GENERAL'S CRITICISM OF SOUTH OSSETIAN ELECTIONS

¶1. On June 2 NATO Secretary General Jaap de Hoop Scheffer issued the following statement:

BEGIN TEXT:

NATO does not recognize the elections held on May 31 in South Ossetia. The holding of such elections does not contribute to a peaceful and lasting settlement of the situation in Georgia. The Alliance reiterates its full support for the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Georgia within its internationally recognized borders.

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